

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 17-32 are in the case.

I. REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

The undersigned attempted to reach the Examiner to discuss the outstanding action but was unable to do so. While it is believed the present case is now in allowable condition, should the Examiner determine the claims are not yet allowable, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone to permit an interview to be conducted.

II. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTIONS

Claims 17-22, 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by British Patent 1211193 to Williams et al. Claims 17-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Li et al. Those rejections are respectfully traversed.

As now claimed, the formulation of the present invention comprises a first polymeric compound and a second compound. The first polymeric compound is selected from (A) a compound prepared in a method comprising the steps as set forth in sub-paragraph (a) and (b) of claim 17; or (B) a compound of the formula as set forth in claim 17. It will be noted in particular that claim 17 as amended refers to micelle formation followed by polymerization. Basis appears in the originally filed application at, for example, page 2, lines 30-33. No new matter is entered. Neither Li nor Williams

discloses (or suggests) the invention as now claimed. This will be clear from the following comments.

Li describes a dimer, namely a material comprising two monomer units. This is evident from numerous places throughout the document. In contrast, the invention as claimed relates to a polymeric material. The polymeric material is formed by causing monomers to form micelles and then causing the C=C groups in the micelles to react to form a polymer. This is to be contrasted with Li which discloses a photodimerisation reaction in **solid** media. Micelles will not form in carrying out the Li process. Moreover, given that the monomer in Li is present at a very low concentration and is heavily diluted by the other materials in the mixture, it would not be possible for anything other than a dimer to be formed. In particular, no more than two monomer units could react with one another.

Li cannot produce the stacked micelle arrangement described in accordance with the present invention for the reasons discussed above. This would be impossible in a **solid** media in particular. Accordingly, the polymeric material of the present invention and the dimer of Li are clearly structurally different. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection based on Li is respectfully requested.

Williams likewise does not disclose the invention as now claimed. No micelle formation is described in that document. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection based on Williams is respectfully requested.

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Allowance of the application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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